

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 37456 231737Z

ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W

-----004498 231741Z /47

O 231718Z DEC 77

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3540

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 37456

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV WA FR

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MESSAGE FOR GUIRINGAUD

REF: STATE 304859

SUMMARY: IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR,DCM CONVEYED ORALLY
TO QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL POINTS IN REFTEL. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE ON IN-COUNTRY LEAVE, DCM
OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU
AND CONVEYED ORALLY THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS
HAREL WAS ALSO PRESENT. SOUTOU TOOK CAREFUL NOTE AND
PROMISED TO CONVEY POINTS TO FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD
LATER IN THE DAY.

2. IN GENERAL, SOUTOU SAID, FRENCH MEMBER OF CONTACT
GROUP HAD CONSISTENTLY BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC
THAN GOF RE PROSPECTS FOR A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. HE
EXPRESSED FEAR OF LOSING CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICANS,
IF PRESSURE APPLIED TOO VIGOROUSLY TO SAG, AND STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING DIALOGUE GOING WITH IT. HE
POINTED OUT DANGERS OF APPEARING TO SIDE TOO MUCH WITH
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 37456 231737Z

EXTREME THIRD WORLD VIEWS, WHICH WOULD DO WEST A DIS-
SERVICE, SINCE MANY OF ITS BEST FRIENDS IN THIRD WORLD
WERE FAR FROM ACCEPTING EXTREME POSITIONS. HE
SAID THAT HIS EARLY, POST-WAR EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIETS
GAVE HIM DEEP CONCERN OVER SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN PLACES
LIKE STATES NEIGHBORING ON SOUTH AFRICA. HE THEN
POINTED TO EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN ETHIOPIA AS IN CLASSIC

PATTERN OF POST-WAR SOVIET MOVES IN EUROPE, I.E. ADOPTING EXTREMIST REGIMES IN STRATEGICALLY LOCATED COUNTRIES WHICH, LACKING POPULAR BASE, THEN BECAME NEAR-PERFECT CLIENT STATES. HE FEARED SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE CREATED IN NAMIBIA IF PRESSURES REMAINED CONCENTRATED TOO HEAVILY ON SOUTH AFRICA AND NOT ENOUGH ON SWAPO.

3. HARMEL AMPLIFIED THESE POINTS, NOTING THAT FRENCH AND BRITISH, AND PROBABLY CANADIANS AND GERMANS AS WELL, SHARED VIEW THAT SAG HAS ALREADY MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS WHILE SWAPO HAS MADE VIRTUALLY NONE. HE OBSERVED THAT AMBASSADOR MCHENRY PERCEIVED SOMEWHAT MORE MOVEMENT IN SWAPO THAN OTHER FOUR COULD DISCERN. FRENCH ARE EMPHATIC, HOWEVER, ON IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE FIVE TOGETHER AND OF PREPARING UNIFORM AND ACCEPTABLE REPORT TO UN.

4. DCM REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE AND OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT.

5. SOUTOU REMARKED THAT FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TWO DAYS AGO TO MAKE DEMARCHE ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO HIS COMMENTS. HE CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT GOF IMPRESSION OF DIVERGENCES AMONG CONTACT GROUP HAD BEEN ONLY LIGHT IMPRESSION AND IMPLIED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PARIS 37456 231737Z

IT HAD BEEN MORE EVIDENT SOME DAYS EARLIER THAN CURRENTLY.
HARTMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERVENTION, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION, CAT-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 23-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PARIS37456
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P850071-1657
Format: TEL
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771222/aaaaarsq.tel
Line Count: 97
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 5ebecaafd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 77 STATE 304859
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 139082
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAMIBIA: MESSAGE FOR GUIRINGAUD
TAGS: PDEV, WA, FR, XX, (DE GUIRINGAUG, LOUIS), (OWEN, DAVID)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/5ebecaafd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009